

CLAIMS:

5 1. A method of identifying agents that regulate the transcriptional activating activity of human AR or ER β , comprising:

 contacting a cell expressing human AR or human ER β , and, human SLIM3, or biologically-active-derivatives thereof, with a test agent; and

 determining whether said test agent regulates the transcriptional activating activity of human AR or human ER β

 2. A method of claim 1, wherein said cell is a 293 cell or a yeast cell.

 3. A method of claim 1, wherein said determining is measuring transcription of a gene activated by human AR or human ERB.

 4. A method of claim 1, wherein said human AR or human ERB is a chimeric protein comprising a GAL4 binding domain and SLIM3 is a chimeric protein comprising a GAL4 activator domain.

 5. A method of claim 4, wherein said cell is a yeast cell comprising a β -galactosidase reporter gene.

 6. A method of claim 5, where said yeast cell is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

7. A method of claim ~~4~~, wherein said determining is measuring β -galactosidase activity.

5 *sub D1* 8. A method of claim ~~5~~, wherein said determining is measuring B-galactosidase activity.

9. A method of claim ~~1~~, where said agent is an antagonist or an agonist.

10. A method of identifying agents that regulate the binding between SLIM3 and human AR or ER β , comprising:

contacting a sample comprising human SLIM3 and human AR or human ER β , or biologically-active derivatives thereof, with a a test agent; and

determining whether said test agent regulates the binding between said SLIM3 and said human AR or human ER β .

11. A method of claim ~~9~~, where said SLIM3 is a chimeric protein comprising GST.

12. A composition comprising isolated human SLIM3 and isolated human AR or ER β .

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